

Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014

Acknowledgement of registration of a rule amendment

This document acknowledges the registration of the amendment of the attached rules under Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 for:

Society: The Mortimer Community Benefit Society Limited

Registration number: 7793

Date: **21 December 2022**



Example partial amendment

Partial amendment of rules of The Mortimer Community Benefit Society Ltd.

Register number: **7793**

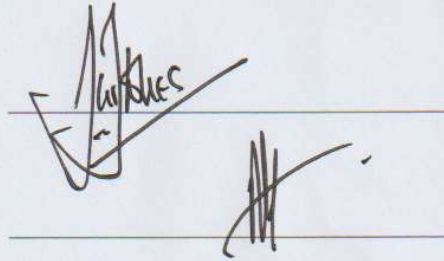
Section:

8 Share Capital

8.3 Delete 'The minimum shareholding shall be 5 share/s'

Substitute: 'The minimum shareholding shall be 2 (Two) shares'

Signatures of three members



Two horizontal lines with handwritten signatures. The first line contains two signatures, and the second line contains one signature.

Signature of the secretary



A horizontal line with a handwritten signature.

Partial amendment of rules

Section 1 – About this form

Use this form to register a partial rule change for a society registered under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 (2014 Act) (except credit unions); or the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 (1969 Act). Partial amendments change, add to, or delete some rules from the existing registered rules. If your rule amendment involves the renumbering of rules, please apply for a complete amendment instead.

To register a partial amendment of rules we need:

- this completed form
- one signed copy of the proposed rule amendment (or two copies where not submitting electronically). The amendment should be worded as a direction to members, telling them exactly what they should do to make the necessary changes to their own copy of the rule book. Please see page 10 for an example.
- a marked up version of the rules tracking changes made to your existing rules
- a completed Statutory Declaration form.

This form, including any details provided on the form, will be made available to the public through the Mutuels Public Register <https://mutuals.fca.org.uk>.

Societies may find it helpful to read Chapter 3 of our guidance on our registration function under the 2014 Act before completing this form: <https://www.fca.org.uk/publication/finalised-guidance/fg15-12.pdf>

Section 2 – About this application

Society name	The Mortimer Community Benefit Society Ltd
Register number	7793

2.1 Who should we contact about this application?

Name	Julian Stokes
Role	Chairman
Email address	chairman@themortimerCBS.org
Phone number	01568 780253

Section 3– Conditions for registration.

All societies are registered meeting one of two conditions for registration. These are that the society is either:

- a bona fide co-operative society ('co-operative society'); **or**
- conducting business for the benefit of the community ('community benefit society').

We must maintain arrangements that are designed to enable us to determine whether a society is complying with the 2014 Act. One way we do this is by requiring societies to complete the questions at either sections 3A or 3B of this form when submitting a rule amendment.

Please only answer one set of questions:

- section 3A for bona fide co-operatives; **or**
- section 3B for societies conducting their business for the benefit of the community.

If you are not sure which of these two conditions for registration applies to you, please read chapters 4 and 5 of our guidance:

<https://www.fca.org.uk/publication/finalised-guidance/fg15-12.pdf>

Section 3A – Co-operative societies

Complete this section if your society is a bona fide co-operative society.

3A.1 What is the business of the society? For example, do you provide housing, manufacture goods, develop IT systems, etc.

The Society exists in order to carry out business for the benefit of the community.
This business is to maintain the land and building and to find a tenant for the Bell at Yarpole.

3A.2 Please describe the members' common economic, social and cultural needs and aspirations. In answering this question, please make sure it is clear what needs and aspirations members have in common.

The aims of the members are to ensure that the Bell at Yarpole remains as a public house in the village.

3A.3 How does the society's business meet those needs and aspirations?

You have described the society's business answer to question 3A.1, and in question 3A.2 you have described the common needs and aspirations of members. Please now describe how that business meets those common needs and aspirations.

The Society meets the needs of the members by electing a committee of up to 12 members to oversee the maintenance and running of the Bell at Yarpole.

3A.4 How do members democratically control the society? For example, do the members elect a board at an annual general meeting; do all members collectively run the society.

The Members of the Management Committee are approved and elected by the Shareholders annually at the Society's AGM.

3A.5 What does the society do with any surplus or profit? For instance, do you pay a dividend to members (and if so, on what basis); does money get reinvested in the business; put into reserves; used for some other purpose?

The rules of the Society allow for the payment of a dividend to members provided the financial circumstances of the Society permit this. This has not as yet occurred. Any money accrued by the society has been used to increase the reserves and to reduce debt.

3A.6 Please state any close links which any of the directors has with any society, company or authority. 'Close links' includes any directorships or senior positions held by directors of the society in other organisations.

None

Please go to Section 4.

Section 3B – Community benefit societies

Complete this section if your society conducts its business for the benefit of the community.

3B.1 What is the business of the society? For example, do you provide social housing, run an amateur sports club etc.

The sole business of the Society is to ensure that the Bell at Yarpole is available to trade in the village of Yarpole for the benefit of the residents of the Parish.

3B.2 Please describe the benefits to the community? Here we are looking to see *what* the benefits to the community are. Community can be said to be the community at large. For example, do you relieve poverty or homelessness through providing social housing.

By ensuring that the Bell at Yarpole is a viable business the community is able to use the premises as the social hub of the village.

3B.3 Please describe how the society's business delivers these benefits?

The business of the society must be conducted for the benefit of the community. Please describe *how* the society's business (as described in answer to question 3B.1) provides benefit to the community.

The Society delivers these benefits by ensuring that the building is maintained in a state that allows the business run by the tenant to prosper. By liaising with the tenant it is possible to ensure that the needs of the community are met.

3B.4 Does the society work with a specific community, and if so, please describe it here? For instance, are the society's activities confined to a specific location; or to a specific group of people? Please note that in serving the needs of any defined community, the society should not inhibit the benefit to the community at large.

The Society works solely at the Bell at Yarpole.

3B.5 What does the society do with any surplus or profit? For instance, do you donate the money; does money get reinvested in the business; put into reserves; used for some other purpose?

Any surplus monies are used by the Society to bolster the reserves and also to reduce the debt held by the Society.

3B.6 Please state any significant commercial arrangements that the society has, or had, with any other organisation that could create, or be perceived as creating, a conflict of interest. Please tell us how you ensure that any such conflict of interest does not prevent the society from acting for the benefit of the community.

None.

3B.7 Please state any close links which any of the directors has with any society, company or authority. 'Close links' includes any directorships or senior positions held by directors of the society in other organisations.

None.

Please go to Section 4.

Section 4 – Completing this application

4.1 Please confirm the proposed rule amendment has been signed by 3 members and the secretary (4 signatures in total)

The rules contain the required signatures

4.2 Please confirm which of the following you are submitting:

One electronic, scanned signed copy of the rules

Or two signed paper copies of the rules

4.3 Please confirm you have included a marked-up copy of the rules showing what changes the society is making to its existing rules.

A marked-up copy of the rules is enclosed

Section 5 – Statutory Declaration

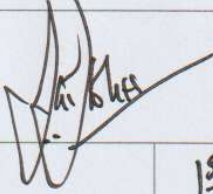
5.1 Please complete this statutory declaration

An officer of the society or credit union must complete this section:

Name	Julian Stokes
Role	Chairman

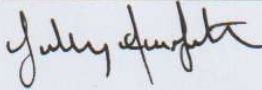
I do solemnly and sincerely declare that the amendment of the rules of the said society or credit union, a copy of which is attached marked 'X', complies with 1969 Act/2014 Act (as applicable) and has been duly made by the society in the manner provided in its rules for the making, altering or rescinding of rules.

I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and by the provisions of the Statutory Declarations Act 1835.

Signature	
Date	1 st December 2022

This was declared before me, a:

- Solicitor
- Commissioner for oaths
- Notary Public
- Justice of the Peace

Name	SALLY ANN SMITH
Declared at:	mfg Solicitors LLP 9 Corve St, Ludlow SY8 1DE
Signature	
Date	1 st December 2022 .

Section 6 – Submitting this form

Please submit a signed, scanned version of your application by email to:
mutual.societies@fca.org.uk

Or please submit by post to:

Mutual Societies
Financial Conduct Authority
12 Endeavour Square
London
E20 1JN

This form is available on the **Mutuals Society Portal**:
<https://societyportal.fca.org.uk>

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